

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. NO.        0483-01  
BILL NO.      Perfected HB 120  
SUBJECT:      Motor Vehicles  
TYPE:        Original  
DATE:        March 27, 2001

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**FISCAL SUMMARY**

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<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
Road Fund	(\$75,600)	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> State Funds</b>	<b>(\$75,600)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
None			
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>(Unknown)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses

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**FISCAL ANALYSIS**

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**ASSUMPTION**

*TINTED WINDOWS RSMo 307.173:*

In response to identical legislation from this year, officials from the **Department of Revenue** assumed the proposed legislation would have no fiscal impact on their agency.

Officials from the **Department of Public Safety - Missouri State Highway Patrol** assumed the proposed legislation would permit any person to operate a motor vehicle with window tinting applied to their car. The tinting must have a light transmission of thirty-five percent or more, plus or minus three percent. Each trooper assigned to the road would require a light meter. There are 756 troopers and the light meter is approximately \$100 each. The total fiscal impact would be \$75,600 ( $756 \times \$100 = \$75,600$ ).

**Oversight** assumes local law enforcement agencies would also require light meters to check vehicles for the light transmission test. Whether local law enforcement agencies will require all officers within their agencies to possess the light meters is unknown. Even if each local law enforcement agency acquires only one light meter, Oversight assumes the costs will be significant.

In response to similar legislation from last year, officials from the **Office of Secretary of State (SOS)** assumed there would be costs due to additional publishing duties related to the Department of Public Safety's authority to promulgate rules, regulations, and forms. SOS estimated the department could require approximately 4 new pages of regulations in the Code of State Regulations at a cost of \$26.50 per page, and 6 new pages in the Missouri Register at a cost of \$22.50 per page. The actual fiscal impact would be dependent upon the actual rulemaking authority and may be more or less. Financial impact in subsequent fiscal years would depend entirely on the number, length, and frequency of the rules filed, amended, rescinded, or withdrawn. SOS did not anticipate the need for additional staff as a result of this proposal; however, the enactment of more than one similar proposal may, in the aggregate, necessitate additional staff.

**Oversight** assumes the SOS could absorb the costs of printing and distributing regulations related to this proposal. If multiple bills pass which require the printing and distribution of regulations at substantial costs, the SOS could request funding through the appropriation process. Any decisions to raise fees to defray costs would likely be made in subsequent fiscal years.

ASSUMPTION (continued)

*DRIVERS LICENSE APPLICANT RSMo 302.173:*

Officials from both the **Department of Revenue** and the **Department of Public Safety - Missouri Highway Patrol** state this part of the proposal would not have a fiscal impact on their respective agencies.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2002 (10 Mo.)	FY 2003	FY 2004
<b>ROAD FUND</b>			
<u>Costs</u> - DPS - Light meters	(\$75,600)	\$0	\$0

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2002 (10 Mo.)	FY 2003	FY 2004
<b>LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES</b>	(Unknown)	\$0	\$0

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

Could affect businesses which provide window tinting services or manufacture light meters.

DESCRIPTION

Under current law, no person may operate a vehicle with vision-reducing material applied to a windshield, sidewing, or window located to the left and right of the driver which reduces visibility from within or into the motor vehicle. Use of vision-reducing material with 35% light transmission is permitted only with a physician's prescription.

This proposal permits any person to use vision-reducing material with a light transmission of 35% or less, plus or minus 3%, and a luminous reflectance of 35% or more, plus or minus 3%, on the side and rear windows of a vehicle

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DESCRIPTION (continued)

The proposal also attempts to allow applicants for a drivers license, who possess a valid license from any other state, to be waived from taking the complete drivers examination.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program, and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Public Safety - Missouri State Highway Patrol  
Department of Revenue  
Office of Secretary of State

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